

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3095 - HB 3399

March 18, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the "Pregnancy Resources for Tennessee Women Act" which requires the Department of Health to develop a comprehensive informational pamphlet and a toll-free hotline with information on public and private health care services, adoption services and resources, and Title X family planning services which are available to pregnant women. Insurers which cover prescription drugs are required to provide coverage of contraceptive drugs and devices. Insurers which cover pregnancy for enrollees are required to provide coverage if an enrollee is pregnant prior to enrollment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$92,000 Recurring
\$7,800 One-Time**

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (as required by Tenn. Code Ann. §3-2-111): Such legislation will not have a significant increase on health insurance premiums because the majority of health insurance plans provide coverage for contraceptives.

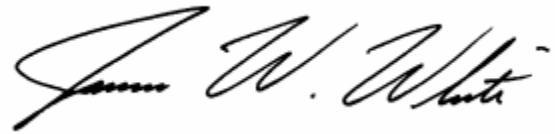
Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will need two additional positions to administer the toll-free hotline. A Health Educator 3 and an Administrative Services Assistant 2 position which is estimated to increase recurring state expenditures by \$71,368 for salary and benefits for both positions.
- Travel, communications, supplies, and space are estimated to increase recurring state expenditures by \$14,300 and one-time state expenditures by \$7,800.
- There will be an increase to state expenditures of \$6,000 for the media campaign which includes purchasing time on the Tennessee Radio Network. Placing information on the Department's website will not result in any additional costs.
- The state and local govt. health plans cover contraceptive drugs.

- Local govt. health plans that are not part of the state health plans will not incur a significant increase to expenditures because the majority of health insurance plans cover contraceptive drugs.
- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that pregnancy not be treated as a pre-existing condition.
- The TennCare program is exempted from the provisions of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director